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OPA Daily Digest for 8/23/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. William Lacy Clay (Mo.) 7/31/13: Coordination of information sharing with citizens group and local residents about cleanup efforts at the West Lake Landfill site. Due: 8/14/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) 8/6/13: West Lake Landfill FUSRAP designation. Due: 8/20/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Loebsack (Iowa) 8/12/13: Concern about the environmental and health impacts of TK Concrete. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Iowa Soybean Review Magazine – Mick Lane – 8/22/13: Contributed content and quotes from the regional administrator about EPA's role in Iowa's nutrient reduction strategy. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Joplin Globe – Roger McKinney – 8/23/13: Questions about upcoming CAG meeting for the Pools Prairie Superfund site in Neosho, Mo. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

Lincoln Journal Star – Questions about EPA regulation of octane ratings in fuel in Nebraska. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

Environmental Stories:

KRCU-TV - EPA Holds Public Hearing Over Coal Ash Contamination In Jefferson County - 8/23/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency is holding a public hearing Thursday evening about a proposed agreement to address water pollution from the illegal disposal of coal ash from Ameren's Rush Island Power Plant.
<http://www.krcu.org/post/epa-holds-public-hearing-over-coal-ash-contamination-jefferson-county>

KOAM-TV - Public Health Advisories, Warnings Concerning Blue-Green Algae in Kansas Waters - 8/22/13 - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)

samples publicly accessible bodies of water for cyanobacteria, commonly called blue-green algae, when the agency is alerted to a potential algae bloom in Kansas lakes. When harmful algal blooms are present, KDHE, in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWP) and other lake managers where appropriate, responds by informing the public of these conditions.

<http://www.koamtv.com/story/23233368/public-health-advisories-warnings-concerning-blue-green-algae-in-kansas-waters>

Lee's Summit Journal - Missouri may require additional permitting for rock quarrying at Pryor Road and I-470 - 8/22/13 - Opponents of proposed rock quarrying at Pryor Road and Interstate 470 are hoping Missouri will stop the project, even though the Lee's Summit City Council did not.

<http://www.lsjournal.com/2013/08/23/104441/missouri-may-require-additional.html>

Triple Pundit - EPA Attacks Honeybee Colony Collapse with New Safety Standards - 8/23/13 - In response to an unprecedented decline in bee populations, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released new pesticide labels that forbid the use of some neonicotinoid pesticide products where bees are present.

<http://www.triplepundit.com/2013/08/epa-attacks-honeybee-colony-collapse-new-safety-standards/>

eMissourian - Ameren Not Asked to Look for Other Landfill Sites, PSC Says - 8/22/13 - The Missouri Public Service Commission has not asked Ameren Missouri to look for additional landfill sites but rather requested that the company provide additional information, if it exists, on other sites.

http://www.emissourian.com/local_news/county/article_a00607e9-fccd-50f6-8bf1-01b6b36a9c41.html

Des Moines Register - CCI: Twenty groups sign letter seeking clean-water action in Iowa - 8/22/13 - Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement has joined farm and labor groups in a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency demanding an agreement that will force Iowa to fully enforce the federal Clean Water Act.

<http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/08/22/cci-twenty-groups-sign-letter-seeking-clean-water-action-in-iowa/article>

Des Moines Register - Oil firms' practices to be reviewed by FTC following lawmakers' complaint - 8/23/13 - The Federal Trade Commission said it would look into charges by Midwest lawmakers that oil companies are pressuring gas stations to limit consumer access to renewable fuels.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130823/BUSINESS/308230059/0/NEWS/?odyssey=nav|head>

Ozarks First - Toddler Gets Lead Poisoning While Playing in Dirt; How to Check Your Property - 8/22/13 - Two-year-old Kalia Huizal of Springfield played in the dirt like most children...until doctors found high levels of lead in her blood.

<http://www.ozarksfirst.com/story/toddler-gets-lead-poisoning-while-playing-in-dirt-how-to-check-your-property/d/story/lstJc-7fPEW9ge4le54acg>

St. Louis Public Radio - EPA Holds Public Hearing Over Coal Ash Contamination In Jefferson County - 8/22/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency is holding a public hearing Thursday evening about a proposed agreement to address water pollution from the illegal disposal of coal ash from Ameren's Rush Island Power Plant.

<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/epa-holds-public-hearing-over-coal-ash-contamination-jefferson-county>

WJLA-TV - EPA Aug. 30 furlough day canceled - 8/22/13 - Furlough days continue to fall at numerous government agencies, with the latest one to be dropped at the Environmental Protection Agency.

<http://www.wjla.com/articles/2013/08/epa-aug-30-furlough-day-canceled-93069.html>

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<http://www.triplepundit.com/2013/08/epa-attacks-honeybee-colony-collapse-new-safety-standards/>

Politico - Deadline for comments on fracking rule - 8/23/13 - Climate activists wary of House hearing - Gore draws fire - Today is the deadline for public comments to get

submitted on the Bureau of Land Management's rule for fracking on federal lands. While some organizations are waiting until the last minute — the American Petroleum Institute likely will turn its comments in this afternoon, a spokesman says — BLM had received more than 5,000 comments as of yesterday. Here are excerpts from a few.

<http://www.politico.com/morningenergy/0813/morningenergy11513.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

8/27/13 – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

9/9/13 - Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

9/13/13 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

10/15/13 - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

None

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

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8/26-8/29/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/28/13 – State of Missouri – Chem/Bio Functional Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

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8/26/13 – Missouri Department of Natural Resources Public Water System Supervision Coordination meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Carolyn Mitchell, 7187, Robert Dunlevy, 7798

8/26/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/4-6/13 – Kansas Geological Seminar and meeting with the Kansas Corporation Commission, Wichita, Kan. Contacts: David Garrett, 7159, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

9/5-6/13 – Regulatory Environmental Group for Missouri, 2013 Missouri Water Seminar, Columbia, Mo. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782, John DeLashmit, 7821

9/9/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/9-10/13 – Nebraska Public Water System Supervision Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Morris Holmes, 7421

9/9-13/13 – Nebraska Health and Human Services End of Year Commitments Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

9/10-12/13 – EPA Water Division Directors Meeting, Alexandria, Va. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

9/11/13 – Missouri Clean Water Commission Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: John DeLashmit, 7821, Bob Angelo, 7060, Ann Lavaty, 7370

9/13/13 – KU WaterWorks keynote address, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

9/16/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/16-20/13 – Sanitary Survey Training, Mt Pleasant, Mich. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

9/18/13 - Missouri Water Enforcement Association, Stormwater/Watershed Management Conference, Columbia, Mo. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Bruce Perkins, 7067

9/22-26/13 – Ground Water Protection Council meeting with other state Primacy Agencies, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Mary Tietjen-Mindrup, 7431, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

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